

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS
FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing a change in the methods and standards of payment of the personal needs allowance for residents in a skilled nursing home facility. The proposed change is effective for dates of service January 1, 2024, and after.

[Public Act 103-0102](#) provided for an increase in the personal needs allowance for a person who is a resident in a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act for whom payments are made throughout a month and who is determined to be eligible for medical assistance.

The personal needs allowance for the individuals listed above will be increased to \$60.00 per month for individuals and \$120 for couples. The proposed change will result in an annual increase in Medicaid liability of \$16.2 million.

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. All questions or comments must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice and addressed to:

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This notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice and clarification may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois. Comments received regarding this notice shall be published on the HFS web site at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/legal/publicnotices.html>.

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